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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q86945

Masumi HIRATA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/529,758

Group Art Unit: 1791

Confirmation No.: 1592

Examiner: Michael A. Tolin

Filed: March 30, 2005

For: CARBON FIBER AND PROCESS AND COMPOSTION FOR MANUFACTURING A
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Response to a Restriction Requirement dated July 9, 2008; this response is timely filed on Monday, August 11, 2008, since August 9, 2008 fell on a Saturday.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1 - 15, 17 - 20, and 29 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In the accompanying Election of Species Requirement, the Examiner identified Species I-A, I-B, and I-C, and required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner indicated that claims 1 - 15 and 17 - 19 are generic. The Examiner further advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

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In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I-B (process of making a film) for examination, on which claims 1 - 15 and 17 - 19 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 21 - 28.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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